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Applicants:

Hedrick et al.

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Title:

GAMING DEVICE HAVING A CONTAINER-ITEM HOLDER

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION TO PLACE THE APPLICATION IN **CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on RECEIVED

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Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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| TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: | | | | | | | | |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. | | | | | | | | |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 12 | | 51 = | | CLAIMS PRESENT 0 | x | \$18.00 | FEE \$0.00 |
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| No additional fee is required for amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818 Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. | | | | | | | | |
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